

## Abstract

2 A mechanism provides for a conversation controller that enables services to carry out an  
3 entire conversation without the service developers having to implement code to manage  
4 conversation logic. The mechanism focuses on conversation functionality as opposed to business  
5 functionality of the service and enables service developers to delegate conversational  
6 responsibilities to the conversation controller, thus freeing the developers from having to  
7 implement explicit conversation control mechanisms and allowing the services to interact  
8 without having to explicitly support conversations. These distinctions help to provide an  
9 extremely lightweight conversation controller capable of directing a service's conversations with  
10 other services or clients